

A living reminder

STS-107 Memorial tree-planting ceremony

- A. Bob Cabana, Director of the Flight Crew Operations Directorate, speaks at the ceremony.
B. Center Director Jefferson D. Howell, Jr. carries soil to one of the STS-107 trees.

Photos by Robert Markowitz

A tree-planting ceremony was held on April 16 to honor each of the STS-107 crewmembers: Rick Husband, Willie McCool, Mike Anderson, Kalpana Chawla, Dave Brown, Laurel Clark and Ilan Ramon. The seven trees were planted adjacent to Building 111 on Fifth Street in the same area where several trees have been planted in memory of other deceased astronauts.

The families of the crewmembers were led into the ceremony by Houston Highlander Ian Martin and his bagpipe music. Former astronauts and JSC employees were in attendance, along with friends and family members of the crew. The ceremony began with a brief dedication by Center Director Lt. Gen. Jefferson D. Howell, Jr. and Director of the Flight Crew Operations Directorate Robert D. Cabana. Their remarks were followed by a statement from the families and a ceremonial planting of the trees. A minute of silence concluded the ceremony. ❖



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